

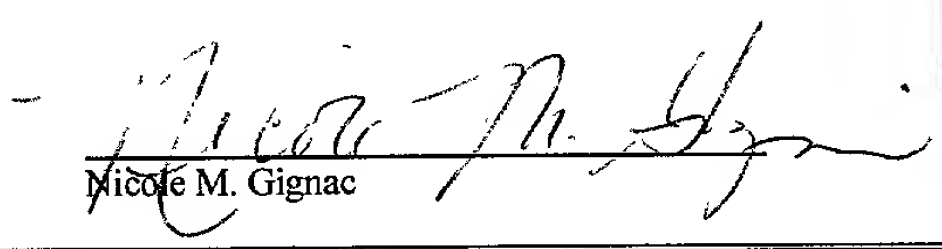
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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(Continuation-in-Part of US Serial No. 09/318,106)  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concurrently with a Continued-in-Part Patent Application in the above-referenced matter.

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified in caption as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the first paragraph, page 1, lines 4-7, and insert the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 09/318,106 filed May 24, 1999, now pending, the content of which is entirely incorporated herein by reference, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/CA97/00892 filed on November 26, 1997 and which designated the U.S., which claimed priority from USSN 08/756,728, filed November 26, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,821,354.

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**REMARKS**

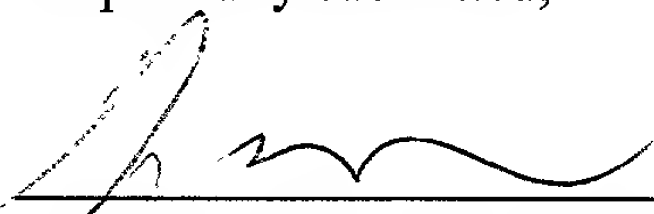
Applicants have amended the reference to related applications. No new matter has been added by virtue of the Amendment to the Specification.

**CONCLUSION**

Should any additional fees be required, applicants request that the undersigned Deposit Account 50-0850 be charged. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**RELATED APPLICATION**

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